

Appendix B

**MVHCB Second Annual
Plenary Conference
December 10-12, 2001**

Military and Veterans Health Coordinating Board



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**Department of Health and Human Services
Parklawn Building
Rockville, MD**

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December 10, 2001

Dear Colleague:

Welcome to the second annual Military and Veterans Health Coordinating Board (MVHCB) Plenary Session. The primary purpose of our Plenary is to inform the members of our three Working Groups of issues that relate to the consequences of deployment upon the health of our service personnel and veterans. For the most part, the selected presentations will directly address progress made on Presidential Review Directive 5 (PRD-5) recommendations and on DoD Force Health Protection Program requirements. But, conference planners have also woven into the agenda several presentations on topics unique to the aftermath of the September 11th incident. The current 'war' we are fighting is not only taking place upon an uncustomary battlefield but also has seen the emergence of an unanticipated class of combatants in the form of postal workers, flight attendants, firemen and epidemiologists. Who would have thought that an ordinary letter would become the equivalent of an artillery shell or that a deployed environment would become an urban high-rise office building? Our Working Groups will be challenged to interpolate new concepts of the health consequences of 'deployment' with traditional ones as they formulate their 2002 action plans.

The secondary purpose of the Plenary is to allow others besides working group members who are interested in these topics to become more knowledgeable regarding this important work as well as to facilitate direct collaboration among members of the Services and the different agencies on these topics. Please note that the PRD-5 and the DoD Force Health Protection Program Capstone Document can be accessed on the MVHCB website (www.mvhcb.gov).

We have an ambitious program laid out for you over the next two and a half days that will provide you with a status update on a number of important topics pertaining to Research as well as to Force Health Protection and Deployment Health. The research will focus on both Gulf War illnesses as well as research for solutions to better protection of our military, veterans, and their families during and after future deployments. These initiatives will be focused in the following areas: Developing and Maintaining a Fit and Healthy Force Through a Continuum of Care; Functional Approaches to Collecting and Managing Data on Personnel and Exposures; Systemic Approaches to Evaluating and Managing Battle and Non-Battle-Related Risks; DoD/VA Life Cycle Health Surveillance System Capabilities; and the Development of Health Risk Communication Strategies and Skills.

If there is anything we can do to make this Plenary more enjoyable or beneficial for you, please let us know. I sincerely hope you enjoy our Plenary; we are glad you are here!

Respectfully,

Robert G. Claypool, MD
Executive Director

Military and Veterans Health Coordinating Board Second Annual Plenary

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Meeting Agenda

Monday, December 10, 2001

7:00 AM	Registration-Chesapeake Room Continental Breakfast	
7:50 AM	Introduction	Dr. Robert Claypool, MVHCB Executive Director
	Opening Remarks-Health and Human Services	CAPT Mary Lambert for RADM Arthur Lawrence, USPHS, Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health
	Opening Remarks-Veterans Affairs	Dr. Frances Murphy, Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Veterans Affairs
	Opening Remarks-Department of Defense	CAPT Jack Smith, MC, USN, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense/Health Affairs/ Clinical and Program Policy
	Administrative Remarks	Col Craig Postlewaite, MVHCB Staff Director

Session: Gulf War Illness Research

Moderator: Dr. Kelley Brix

8:50 AM	A Randomized, Multi-Center, Controlled Trial of Multi-Modal Therapy in Veterans with GW Illnesses (EBT)	Dr. Sam Donta
9:10 AM	Antibiotic Treatment Trial of GW Veteran's Illnesses (ABT)	Dr. Sam Donta
9:30 AM	An Epidemiological Investigation into the Occurrence of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Among Gulf War Veterans	Dr. Ron Horner
9:50 AM	BREAK	
	PANEL: Longitudinal GW Illness Studies-Boston, Iowa, UK and New Jersey	
10:10 AM	The Ft. Devens Cohort: Results from 10 Years of Study	Dr. Roberta White Dr. Susan Proctor
10:30 AM	Follow-up Studies of the Iowa Gulf War Cohort	Dr. Brad Doebbeling Dr. Paul Peloso
10:50 AM	Clinical, Psychiatric and Immunological Studies from the UK Gulf War Cohort	Dr. Simon Wessely Dr. Mark Peakman
11:10 AM	Longitudinal Examination of Symptom Patterns Among Gulf War Registry Veterans	Dr. Howard Kipen

11:30 AM VA National Survey of Gulf War Veterans-Phase III Dr. Han Kang

11:50 AM LUNCH BREAK

Session: Force Health Protection Research

Moderator: LTC Karl Friedl

1:00 PM Research Priorities on Health Effects of Low Level Exposure to Chemical Agents LTC Keith Vesley

1:20 PM VA/DoD Longitudinal Surveillance of DU-Exposed Veterans Dr. Melissa McDiarmid

1:40 PM **PANEL: Presentation of Joint VA-DoD Research Studies**
Early Intervention of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder in Women Service Members LTC Charles Engel

2:00 PM Millennium Cohort Study CDR Margaret Ryan
Dr. Ed Boyko

2:20 PM Combined Analysis of VA/DoD Gulf War Registries: A Study of Clinical Findings from Systematic Medical Examinations of 100,000 U.S. Gulf War Veterans Dr. Craig Hyams

2:40 PM Successes and Challenges in Integration of DoD/VA Health Databases for Use in Epidemiological Research and Improved Health Surveillance CDR Margaret Ryan
Dr. Ron Horner
Dr. Ed Boyko

3:00 PM BREAK

3:20PM **PANEL: Military Use of Vaccines**
Overview of DoD-Sponsored Research on the Efficacy and Safety of the Anthrax Vaccine LTC Robert Borowski

3:40 PM Overview of CDC-Sponsored Research on the Efficacy and Safety of the Anthrax Vaccine Dr. Mike McNeil

4:00 PM DoD-wide Medical Surveillance for Hospitalizations Associated with Anthrax Immunizations in Active Duty Service Members Dr. Paul Sato

4:20 PM George Washington University/AVIP Research Studies of Effective Risk Communication on Anthrax Vaccine Dr. Rebecca Parkin

4:40 PM ADMINISTRATIVE WRAP-UP

4:45 PM ADJOURN

5:00 PM PLENARY RECEPTION

Tuesday, December 11, 2001

7:00 AM Registration-Chesapeake Room
Continental Breakfast

7:30 AM **Keynote Address:** Perspectives on Exercise "Dark Winter" GEN John Tilelli (USA, Ret.)

Session: Developing and Maintaining a Fit and Healthy Force Through a Continuum of Care

Moderator: CAPT Steve Matthews

8:00 AM Reserve Component Dental Health Readiness Col Kathleen Woody

8:20 AM Recruit Assessment Program: Investigation of a Baseline Medical Database to Evaluate the Health of Military Forces and Veterans CDR Margaret Ryan

8:40 AM Predictors of Career and Family Dysfunction in Those Enlisting in the U.S. Navy CDR Margaret Ryan

9:00 AM Exercise and Deployment Accident Prevention Mr. Craig Schilder

9:20 AM Family Support for 11 September Pentagon Response Col Vern Schueller

9:40 AM BREAK

10:00 AM VA Centers for the Study of War-Related Illnesses Dr. Mark Brown

10:20 AM Post Deployment Clinical Practice Guidelines LTC Charles Engel

10:40 AM VA Disability Determinations Mr. Tom Pamperin

11:00 AM DoD Vaccine Need and Development Dr. Joel Gaydos

Session: Functional Approaches to Collecting and Managing Data on Personnel and Exposures

Moderator: Col Craig Postlewaite

11:20 AM Theater Medical Information Program (TMIP) - Joint Major David Ray

11:40 AM TMIP-Army/Medical Communications for Combat Casualty Care (MC4) LTC James Crowther

12:00 PM LUNCH BREAK

1:00 PM TMIP-AF/ Global Expeditionary Medical System (GEMS) Lt Col Greg Johnson

1:20 PM TMIP- Maritime/Shipboard Automated Medical System (SAMS) LCDR Andrew Spencer

1:40 PM Overview of DoD Medical Surveillance Major Jeff Gillen

**Session: Systematic Approaches to Evaluating and Managing
Battle and NonBattle Related Risks**

Moderator: Surgeon CAPT David Brown

2:00 PM	Novel Development of Health Risk Assessment Methodologies	Ms. Veronique Hauschild
2:20 PM	Operational Stress and Military Resiliency: Mental Health Response to the September 11th Pentagon Bombing	LTC Cameron Ritchie COL William Huleatt
2:40 PM	Report on the Consensus Workshop on Mass Violence and Early Intervention	LTC Cameron Ritchie
3:00 PM	BREAK	
3:30 PM	AF Studies of Human Health Effects of Exposure to JP-8	LtCol Roger Gibson
3:50 PM	Depleted Uranium: When Science is not Enough	Dr. Michael Kilpatrick COL Eric Daxon
4:20 PM	ADMINISTRATIVE WRAP UP	
4:30 PM	ADJOURN	

Wednesday, December 12, 2001

7:00 AM Registration-Chesapeake Room
Continental Breakfast

8:00 AM Opening Remarks
Mr. Gary Christopherson, CIO
Veterans Health Administration

**Session: Panel on DoD/VA Life Cycle Health Surveillance
System Capabilities**

Moderator: Col Ken Hoffman

8:10 AM	CHCS II: Assuring Health Information Flow across DoD	CDR Wyatt Smith
8:30 AM	Personnel Personnel Tracking: JPAV and DMDC to DIMHRS	Mr. Allen Tidwell
8:50 AM	GCPR: Assuring Health Information Flow across Agencies	Dr. Robert Kolodner Mr. Greg Donham
9:10 AM	Using Data for Early Detection of Health Risks	Dr. Ted Senator
9:30 AM	BREAK	

**Session: Development of Health Risk Communication
Strategies and Skills**

Moderator: CDR Sally Brown

9:50 AM	CDC Funded Studies on Effective Health Risk Communication Methods for Active Duty Service Personnel and Veterans	Dr. Drue Barrett
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10:10 AM	Atsugi Shinkampo Incinerator Risk Communication	Ms. Yvonne Walker
10:30 AM	Fallon, Nevada Leukemia Risk Communication	CAPT Paul Gillooly
10:50 AM	Health Risk Communication Initiatives at DoD Installations	Ms. Jan Larkin
11:10 AM	Analysis of the Effectiveness of VA Newsletters to Veterans	Dr. Mark Brown
11:30 AM	Army Health Information Operations for Emerging Health Concerns	Mr. Kevin Delaney
11:50 PM	Gulf War Illnesses Virtual Library	Ms. Debrah Feil
12:10 PM	LUNCH BREAK	
12:15 PM	Executive Working Group Steering Committee Meeting Working Lunch	Dr. Claypool, MVHCB Staff Working Group Chairs, and Staff

Working Group Presentations

Moderator: Dr. Robert Claypool

1:10 PM	Research Working Group Action Plan	Dr. John Feussner
1:25 PM	Deployment Health Working Group Action Plan	RADM John Mateczun
1:40 PM	Risk Communication Working Group Action Plan	BG (P) Lester Martinez
1:55 PM	Concluding Remarks	Dr. Robert Claypool
2:00 PM	BREAK	

Closed Sessions

Working Group Meetings

2:20 PM	Working Group Breakout Sessions	
	Research Working Group	Conference Room C
	Deployment Health Working Group	Conference Room B
	Health Risk Communication Working Group	Potomac Room
5:00 PM	Working Groups ADJOURN	

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